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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
LAURENT FROUIN ET AL. ) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: NYA ) : Group Art Unit: NYA  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
COMMUNICATING BETWEEN )  
A FIRST AND A SECOND )  
NETWORK : February 7, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 68 and 81 without prejudice or  
disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 5-9, 12, 13, 17-19, 21, 22, 24-  
27, 36, 38, 45-50, 52, 55-57, 59, 61, 62, 63, 74, 76, 80 and  
83-85 as follows:

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 4".

Claim 6, line 1, change "one of Claims 3 to 5" to  
--Claim 3--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "one of Claims 3 to 6" to  
--Claim 3--.

Claim 8, line 1, change "to 7" to --to 2--.

Claim 9, line 1, change "to 8" to --to 2--.

Claim 12, line 1, change "one of Claims 9 to 11" to  
--Claim 9--.

Claim 13, line 1, change "to 13" to --to 2--.

Claim 17, line 1, change "one of Claims 9 to 13" to  
--Claim 9--.

Claim 18, line 1, change "one of Claims 9 to 13" to  
--Claim 9--.

Claim 19, line 1, change "to 18" to --to 2--.

Claim 21, line 1, delete "or 20".

Claim 22, line 1, change "one of Claims 19 to 21"  
to --Claim 19--.

Claim 24, line 1, delete "or 23".

Claim 25, line 1, change "to 24" to --to 2--.

Claim 26, line 1, change "to 25" to --to 2--.

Claim 27, line 1, change "to 26" to --to 2--.

Claim 36, line 1, change "any one of Claims 33 to  
35" to --Claim 33--.

Claim 38, line 1, delete "or 37".

Claim 45, line 1, delete "or 44".

Claim 46, line 1, change "to 45" to --to 42--.

Claim 47, line 1, change "one of Claims 43 to 46"  
to --Claim 43--.

Claim 48, line 1, change "Claims 43 to 47" to  
--Claim 43--.

Claim 49, line 1, change "to 48" to --to 42--.

Claim 50, line 1, change "or 49" to --or 42--.

Claim 52, line 1, delete "or 51".

Claim 55, line 1, change "to 54" to --to 52--.

Claim 56, line 1, change "to 55" to --to 52--.

Claim 57, line 1, change "to 56" to --to 42--.

Claim 59, line 1, change "to 58" to --to 42--.

Claim 61, line 1, delete "or 60".

Claim 62, lines 1-2, change "any one of Claims 59  
to 61" to --Claim 59--.

Claim 64, line 1, delete "or 63".

Claim 74, line 1, change "any one of Claims 71 to  
73" to --Claim 71--.

Claim 76, line 1, delete "or 75".

Claim 80, line 5, change "to 67" to --to 42--.

Claim 83, line 4, change "to 40" to --to 2--.

Claim 84, line 3, change "to 40" to --to 2--.

Claim 85, line 3, change "to 40" to --to 2--.

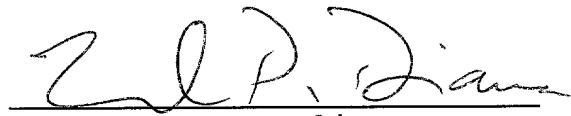
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are presented to place the claims in proper multiply-dependent form. Claims 68 and 81 have been canceled.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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